

Local Rules

Exhibitors must familiarize themselves with the rules as they will be strictly enforced.

The following are the local rules for the 17th District Agricultural Association, Nevada County Fair. Variances to these rules may only be granted by the Board of Directors of the 17th District Agricultural Association. Variance requests must be made in writing to: Nevada County Fair (17th District Agricultural Association) P.O. Box 2687, Grass Valley, CA 95945 or may be delivered to the Administration Office at Gate 1, 11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA.

General Rules

1. The Board of Directors of the 17th District Agricultural Association, Nevada County Fair, will be the final authority in any decisions or disputes involving the Fair or the Fairgrounds.
2. Smoking is not permitted in the livestock areas, in any buildings, in spectator seating areas or in the Kiddy Land portion of the carnival. It is incumbent on all livestock exhibitors to assist the Fair personnel in enforcing this rule in the livestock area.
3. No vehicles or trailers will be permitted on the Fairgrounds during the five days of the Fair without a signed permit from the Fair Management.
4. Unless specifically approved in writing by the CEO, there shall be no pets on the inner grounds during the annual Fair, Draft Horse Classic or Country Christmas Faire except for properly identified service dogs, companion dogs, guide dogs, or dogs previously stated in training. Pets in the Pet Sitting Service, when contracted by the 17th District Agricultural Association, are also acceptable. Pets are allowed in the camping and parking areas provided they are on leash.
5. Camping privileges are limited and shall be designated by Fair Management. Livestock exhibitor camping is limited to those exhibitors who have a need to stay on the grounds for the duration of the Fair. No Junior livestock exhibitor shall be allowed to stay on the Fairgrounds without a chaperone. There must be at least one chaperone for every three youths camping. Sign up opens 6/1/09.
6. Livestock trailers must be removed from the Fairgrounds the day of unloading the animals. Exceptions are for those exhibitors who are open exhibitors or are showing breeding animals.

Exhibits

7. In the case of limited exhibit space, exhibiting preference will be given to: 1) Nevada County Junior exhibitors, 2) Nevada County senior

exhibitors, 3) exhibitors from Sierra, Placer and Yuba counties, 4) exhibitors from all other California counties and 5) exhibitors from adjacent states. Legal residency shall be the determining factor. A final decision of acceptance or rejection of any exhibit will be at the discretion of Fair Management.

8. A Nevada County Junior exhibitor is defined as an exhibitor who meets the eligibility and age requirements as defined within the *State Rules and whose legal residence is within the boundaries of the 17th District Agricultural Association (Nevada County) or who attends a Nevada County school and is a member of the FFA, Nevada County 4-H or Nevada County Grange. *Refer to State Rule VII.1-21 Junior Department.
9. Exhibits not in place at the time specified will not be permitted to compete for premiums and no entry fees will be refunded.
10. Exhibits must be picked up Monday, August 17, 2009 between 8 am and 6 pm. Exhibit claim tags must be presented when claiming exhibits.
11. Perishables not claimed by 5 pm Friday, August 21, 2009 will be disposed of unless other arrangements have been made.
12. All items will be judged but as space is limited, they might not all be displayed.
13. Premiums, trophies and ribbon awards are offered as an inducement to increase competition. Where there is no competition (i.e. no entries or one entry) for two years or more, the Fair Management may remove the class from the Competition Handbook unless there is a good reason for not doing so. By the same token, if there are assurances that there will be sufficient competition for a class not already in the book or for one that has been previously deleted, Fair management may add them to the Competition Handbook. Such requests must be made in writing to the above address.
14. Should a premium be found to have been obtained by false evidence, misrepresentation or a violation of any of the State or Local Rules, the premium award will be withheld.
15. In the event of ties in sweepstakes points, the tie will be broken by the largest money winner. In the event of two or more ties with equal money, straws will be drawn to determine the winner.
16. Exhibitors, excluding livestock, are required to remove all labels, signs or traces of ownership from any exhibit before being presented for judging, with the exception of the exhibit tag which will be given to the exhibitor at the time of submitting exhibit.

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17. No "For Sale" signs are to be posted at or near any exhibit for the duration of the Fair. This rule applies to both still and livestock exhibits.
18. Any failure by an exhibitor to keep an exhibit fresh, clean and attractive or which is not in the best interest of the Fair, or endangers the public, or fails to comply with the rules and regulations set forth in this Competition Handbook will, at the discretion of Fair Management, result in forfeiture of any premiums which may have been won by that exhibitor and possibly the immediate removal of the entry in question from the Fairgrounds.
19. Inappropriate, unethical, or inimical behavior on the part of exhibitors, leaders, advisors, or parents may result in forfeiture of any awards and/or privileges on the premises of the 17th District Agricultural Association. A decision of forfeiture and the extent of said forfeiture shall be at the discretion of Fair Management. An exhibitor, leader, advisor or parent has the right to appeal to a Review Panel. The Review Panel shall consist of Fair Management and/or members of the Board of Directors. Refer to State Rule V.1-15. Protest.

Livestock

20. Independent Junior exhibitors entering a market animal must participate in the mandatory ear tagging and provide proof of ownership in the form of a Bill of Sale. The ear tagging for market beef is approximately 120 days prior to the Fair and approximately 60 days prior to the Fair for goats, sheep and swine.
21. Bordering county exhibitors may not show and sell a market animal at the Nevada County Fair unless they meet the requirements and definition of a Nevada County Junior exhibitor. (See Local Rule #8 above.)
22. Senior livestock will not be accepted before Monday, August 10 at 1 pm and must be in place by Tuesday, August 11, 2009 by 8 pm.
23. The scales will be locked at 6 pm Monday, August 10, 2009, to be unlocked by the Livestock Superintendent and/or Weigh Master for specific weigh-in times. Tuesday, August 11, 2009 will be the official weigh-in day, scheduled as follows:
 - Swine 8 am to 10 am
 - Beef 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
 - Sheep 1 pm to 3 pm
 - Goats Following sheep weigh-in
24. Animals that are below market weight will be sifted from the Junior Livestock Auction. Sifted animals must be removed from the fairgrounds. The exhibitor of the sifted animal may not participate in showmanship.
25. Junior livestock exhibitors must attend the orientation meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the auction arena at Gate 6. Small animal exhibitors must also attend the mandatory barn duty meeting in the Fur & Feathers area following the orientation meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2009.
26. Junior livestock exhibitors must show their animal before the animal can be sold at the Junior Livestock Auction.
27. No animal will leave the Fairgrounds Sunday, August 16, 2009 until the time designated by the Livestock Superintendent.
28. All animals must be off the Fairgrounds by 12 pm (noon) Monday, August 17, 2009.
29. The exercise area for all animals will be designated by the Livestock Superintendent.
30. Each exhibitor is responsible for providing and caring for their own feed and bedding for large animals; first bedding for swine **only** will be provided by the Fair.
31. Completed stall cards must be hung over the livestock through the Fair. If a card is damaged for any reason, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to see that it is replaced immediately.
32. All Supreme Champions, Champions and Reserve Champions must sell in all large and small market species.
33. Nursing cows will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds. This rule does not apply to natural mothers.
34. Any services, including medication, provided by the veterinarian on the Fairgrounds will be paid for by the exhibitor.
35. It is imperative that the owner of an animal, or a responsible agent, be available at all times the animal is present on the grounds to make any and all decisions concerning the welfare of said animal. Contact information must be provided at the time of entry.

Signs

36. Exhibitors wishing to hang signs over 16" x 36" must obtain written permission from Fair Management.
37. Exhibitor's signs will be restricted to the exhibitor's area.